

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of)
CHAD BOYD, PETER J. BRISSETTE) Group Art Unit: 1774
and ATIYE E. TANVERDI) N. Edwards, Examiner
Serial No.: 10/099,614)
Filed: March 14, 2002)
For: SINGLE INGREDIENT,)
MULTI-STRUCTURAL)
FILAMENTS)

DECLARATION OF CHAD BOYD UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

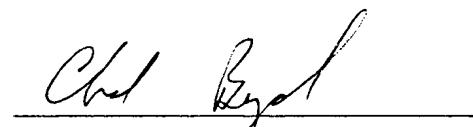
Sir:

I, Chad Boyd, hereby declare that:

1. I am a resident of Lexington, in the State of South Carolina, and am a co-inventor named on the above-captioned patent application, US Serial No. 10/099,614.
2. I am also a co-inventor named on Skinner et al. US Patent Publication No. US2002/ 0023356 A1, published February 28, 2002.
3. I have read the outstanding Office Action in the captioned patent application and understand that the Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 8 and 12-13 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Skinner et al. US Patent Publication No. US 2002/ 0023356 A1. In the rejection, the Examiner asserts that "Skinner teaches a multicomponent monofilament having a first component and a second component having the same chemical structure as the first component."

4. The concept of separately extruding a first component and a second component having the same chemical structure so as to provide a multi-component filament with a first component and a second component having the same chemical structure, but different physical properties was first conceived and invented solely by me before the effective filing date of Skinner US Patent Publication No. US2002/ 0023356 A1.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



Chad Boyd

Date: September 5, 2003